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In re Application of: James R. Butler, et al.

Application No.: 10/074,173

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For: Dehydrogenation Process

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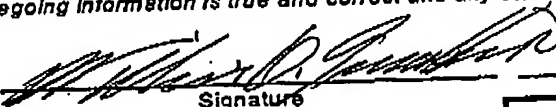
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, James R. Butler, of Houston, Texas, James T. Merrill, of Katy, Texas, and Adrian M. Jacobsen, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful improvements which are described and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design, or discovery as set forth in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled DEHYDROGENATION PROCESS, the specification of which is attached hereto.

AND WHEREAS, Fina Technology, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware and having its principal offices at 15710 JFK Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032 (mailing address P. O. Box 674412, Houston, TX 77267-4412) (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as our interests are concerned, to the ASSIGNEE of my entire right, title and interest.

We also hereby sell and assign to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive rights, title and interest to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world including all rights of priority, all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and we further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such rights, title and interest in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

We hereby further agree that we will communicate to ASSIGNEE, or to its successors, assigns and legal representatives, any facts known to us respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of ASSIGNEE, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make all lawful

oaths, and generally do everything possible to vest title in ASSIGNEE and to aid ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24 day of January, 2002.

James R. Butler
JAMES R. BUTLER

On this 24th day of January, 2002, before me personally appeared James R. Butler, known to me to be the person of the above name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be her own free act and deed.

Sharon E. Raurin
Notary Public

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24 day of January, 2002.

James T. Merrill
JAMES T. MERRILL

On this 24th day of January, 2002, before me personally appeared James T. Merrill, known to me to be the person of the above name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.

Sharon E. Raurin
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of FEBRUARY, 2002.

Adrian M. Jacobsen
ADRIAN M. JACOBSEN

On this 8th day of FEBRUARY, 2002, before me personally appeared Adrian M. Jacobsen, known to me to be the person of the above name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.

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